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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve.—“The Angelic Choir”  
by Chorus Choir.

The New Year's sermon Sabbath morn-  
ing, Dec. 31st.

The Annual Congregational meeting on  
New Year's evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Annual election on New Year's  
evening. Two elders, two deacons,  
financial secretary and treasurer are  
to be elected.

The Annual Supper on New Year's  
evening, 5 to 7 o'clock, by the Lay-  
men's League, 25c.

Annual Meeting of the Woman's Aid  
Society Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4,  
the election of officers.

Week of prayer beginning Sabbath, Jan.  
7th. Service each evening of the  
week.

Dr. D. A. Souders, the superintendent  
of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod,  
will be in the city Friday night, Dec.  
29th. He will speak for us at a meeting  
of the missionary societies and the Lay-  
men's League on that evening. We want  
every member of the church out to that  
meeting.

## ANNUAL SUPPER

A New Year's supper will be given  
by the men of Grace church under the  
management of the Laymen's League,  
on Monday evening, Jan. 1, from 5 to  
7 o'clock. H. E. Metzner has charge  
of the tickets and all the men are urged  
to take a supply and sell them. The  
following committees have been ap-  
pointed:

### Executive Committee—

Oscar Snook.  
Abraham Jones.  
Robert Schmid.  
Ernest Close.  
Harry Metzner.

### Soliciting committee—

John Brewer.  
Harry Vordermark.  
George Schiffer.  
Walter Close.

### Treasurer and Cashier—

H. E. Metzner.

### Head Waiter—

Ed C. Close.

All the men in the church are on the  
committee as waiters, helpers and en-  
tertainers.

### MENU.

Chicken		Gravy
Biscuits	Mashed Potatoes	Celery
Slaw	Cranberry Sauce	
Ice Cream	Coffee	Cake

The women of the Aid Society have  
been a busy and industrious set through-  
out the year. They have worked faith-  
fully and cheerfully to make the final  
payment on the society's obligation to  
the church debt and organ fund. They  
are earnest workers. Why not every  
woman in the church share the respon-  
sibility and blessing of service with  
these faithful women? They pay their  
monthly dues, sew and work for the  
society. They earn and pay in their ex-  
tra dollars and they are going to round

out the year with their penny boxes. If you have not helped these women, here is an opportunity for you to come in on the final round up. If you do not have a penny box, just send in several hundred pennies in some other way. The larger your offering the better. The secretary, Miss Doermer, will take care of your contribution. The old year is nearly gone; make the best of your opportunities, it will help you to make a right start for the new year.

The net receipts of the Christmas Sale and Supper, were over \$80. The supper was one of the kind that everybody enjoyed. There was a fine collection of fancy and domestic articles and everything was sold at an early hour in the evening. The women are to be congratulated upon the success of the sale and supper.

At the monthly meeting of the woman's Aid Society Thursday afternoon, Dec., 7th. the women were supposed to pay into the treasury the dollars they earned for the society. Quite a number of the ladies responded to the roll call; others have sent in their dollars since. How many more of the women will send in their dollars? Come, help the good cause along! Help to life.

The Church debt and organ fund. We are asked many questions about the debt and organ fund. The final payments on the pledges are now due and are being paid. We make our payment in the mortgage note Jan. 10, 1912. We hope the pledges will all be paid in full by that time. Some have assured us, who have not given pledges that they will do their full part. Now is the time for every member of the Church to do what he can toward this fund. One of our new men in the Church told the pastor a few days ago that he was going to double his pledge to the organ fund. Others who have already given are going to give more. This is encouraging and we are assured that we are going to come out all right on our project. Pray and speak an encourag-

ing word to others and you do your best so that we can cancel the debt and burn the old mortgage next month.

The Financial secretary has sent out the annual statements. The duplex envelopes have been a success. The pledges are pretty well paid up. If you are in arrears do the best you can to pay up by the last Sunday in the year, Dec. 31st. The Church has its expenses to meet. Every member of the Church should be intensely concerned about doing this. If you have not had a pledge, you are expected to pay to the Lord just as he has blessed you.

Miss Anna Doerman has a supply of the Church Almanac and Year Book. They are only 10c a copy. Get one from her while the supply lasts.

Our hospital invalids are all getting along splendidly. They will eat their Christmas dinners at home.

Mrs. Walters has been quite ill and has been confined to the house for a month or more. We hope she will soon be able to be out again.

The pastor's little grandson, Allan, has been a very sick child. We were quite alarmed about his condition for a week or more. He is very much better now and we hope he may spend Christmas with us in Fort Wayne.

Do not forget our sick and our aged during the Holiday season. They will enjoy a call from the church members.

### THE ANGELIC CHOIR

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Christmas Cantata—By Choir of Grace  
Church Sabbath Evening, Dec. 24.

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#### No. 1 Chorus.

Hark! Hark! what music fills the sky,—  
“Glory be to God on high”  
Angels sing, hosts reply,  
“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”  
To the sons of men is given  
God's dear Son,  
Best gift of heaven.



Would ye see the wondrous sight  
In a manager, Child divine,  
Lies the heir of David's divine.  
Lies the heir of David's line.

The Christ we own as Lord and King!  
And as tribute meet we bring  
Songs which the angels cannot sing.  
Him we own as Lord our King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Him we own as Lord and King!

No. 2. Contralto Solo.

There Came Three Kings.

There came three kings at break of day  
All on Epiphany;  
Their gifts they bear both rich and rare  
All, all, Lord Christ, for thee:  
Gold, frankincense any myrrh are there,  
Where is the King?  
Oh, where is the King? Where is the  
King?  
Oh, where? Oh, where?

The star shone brightly overhead,  
The air was clam and still;  
O'er Bethl'hem fields it's rays were  
shed,  
The dew lay on the hill.  
We see no throne, no palace fair!  
Where is the King? Oh, where is the  
King?  
Oh, where? Oh, where?

An old man knelt at a manager low,  
A babe lay in the stall;  
The starlight played on the Infant brow,  
Deep silence lay over all,  
A maiden bent o'er the Babe in prayer,  
There is the King! There is the King!

No. 3. Recitative.

And There were Shepherds.

And there were in the same country  
shepherds abiding in the field keeping  
watch over their flocks by night; And  
lo! the angel of the Lord came upon  
them, the glory of the Lord shone round  
about them.

And the angel said unto them, Fear  
not, fear not! for behold I bring you  
good tidings of great joy which shall  
be to all people.

No. 4. Chorus.

Good Tidings of Great Joy.

Good tidings of great joy, which shall  
be to all people.

No. 5 Recitative and Women's Chorus.  
And Suddenly There was with the Angel  
angel a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God and saying:

Glorious to God in the highest, peace on  
earth, good will to men!

No. 6. Quartet or Chorus.

Bethlehem.

1. Bethlehem! Bethlehem! of cities  
noblest,  
None can once with thee compare!  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us incarnate bear.  
O Bethlehem! O Bethlehem! O blessed  
Bethlehem!

2. Bethlehem! Bethlehem! Fairer than  
the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth;  
To the lands their God announcing,  
Hid beneath a form of earth.  
O Bethlehem! O blessed Bethlehem!

3. Bethlehem! Bethlehem! Holy Jesus,  
in thy brightness  
To the Gentile world displayed;  
With the Father and the Spirit  
Endless praise to the bee paid.  
O Bethlehem! O blessed Bethlehem!

No. 7. Soprano Solo.

Mary's Manger Song.

Sleep, my little Jesus, on the bed of hay,  
While the shepherds homeward journey  
on their way:

Mother is thy shepherd and will vigil  
keep;

Oh, did the angels wake thee? Sleep,  
my Jesus sleep!

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Sleep, my little Jesus, while thou art  
my own,

Ox and ass thy neighbors, shalt thou  
have a throne?

Will they call me blessed? Shall I stand  
and weep?

Oh, be it far, Jehovah! Sleep, my Jesus,  
sleep!

Sleep, my little Jesus, wonder-baby  
mine!

### No. 8. Chorus.

Night All Nights Excelling.

1. On this night, all nights excelling,  
God's high praises sounded forth,  
While the angels' songs were telling,  
of the Lord's mysterious birth.

Through the darkness, strangely splen-  
did,

Flush'd the light on shepherd's eyes;  
As their lowly flocks they tended,  
Came new tidings from the skies.

2. On this day, then, thro' creation,  
Let the glorious hymn ring out;  
Let men hail the great salvation,  
"God with us," with song and shout.  
See, the pow'rs of hell are broken,  
Fierce and tyrannous and wild;  
And on earth glad words are spoken,  
Heralding a new born Child.

3. Christ, who rules the earth and  
heaven,

By the Truth's compelling pow'r,  
Who a grace to men hath given  
That transforms them hour by hour,  
Grant to us, of his great pity,  
Pardon for our guilt and sin;  
Grant us in the heav'nly City  
Peace and rest and life to win.

### No. 9. Men's Chorus.

All My Heart This Night Rejoices.

1. All my heart this night rejoices  
As I hear, far and near,  
Sweetest angel voices;  
Christ is born! their choirs are sing-  
ing,  
Till the air everywhere  
Now with joy is ringing.
2. For it dawns, the promised morrow  
Of the birth, who the earth  
Rescues from her sorrow;  
God to wear our form descendeth;  
Of his grace to our race  
Here his Son he sendeth.

3. Hark! a voice from yonder manger,  
Soft and sweet, doth entreat,  
"Flee from woe and danger!  
Brethren, come; from all that grieves  
you

You are freed; all your need  
Here your Savior gives you."

4. Come, then, let us hasten yonder;  
Here let all, great and small,  
Kneel in awe and wonder.  
Love Him who with love is yearning;  
Hail the star that from far  
Bright with hope is burning.

### No. 10. Solo for High Voice. Hail the Wondrous Stranger.

Shepherds, hail the wondrous Stranger;  
Now to Bethlehem speed your way.  
For lo! in yonder humble manger  
Christ the Lord is born to-day.

Bright the star of our salvation  
Pointing to his rude abode!  
Rapturous news for every nation:  
Behold your God! Behold your God!

Love eternal moved the Savior  
Thus to lay his radiance by;  
Blessing on the Lamb forever!  
Glory be to God on high!

### No. 11. Women's Chorus.

Hark, Hark My Soul.

Hark, hark, my soul angelic songs are  
ringing



O'er earth's green fields and ocean's  
wavebeat shore.

How sweet the truth those blessed strains  
are bringing

Of that new life when sin shall be no  
more.

Angels of Jesus, angels of light,  
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of  
the night.

Far, far away, like bells at evening  
pealing,

The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and  
sea;

And laden souls, by thousands meekly  
stealing,

Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps  
to thee.

Rest comes at length, tho' life be long  
and dreary;

The day must dawn and darksome night  
be past;

Faith's journey ends in welcome to the  
weary,

And heaven, the heart's true home, will  
come at last.

No. 12. Final Chorus.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed.

Hail to the Lord's anointed,

Great David's greater Son;

Haillin the time appointed

His reign on earth begun.

He comes to break oppression,

To set the captive free;

To take away transgression,

And rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy

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 To give them songs for sighing,  
 Their darkness turn to light,  
 Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
 Were precious in his sight.  
 He shall descend like showers  
 Upon the fruitful earth;  
 And love and joy like flowers  
 Spring in his path to birth.  
 Before him on the mountains  
 Shall peace, the herald go,  
 And righteousness in fountains  
 From hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing  
 And daily vows ascend;  
 His kingdom still increasing,  
 A kingdom without end;  
 The tide of time shall never  
 His covenant remove;  
 His name shall stand forever,—  
 That name to us is Love.

Chorus.

Soprano—Mrs. D. F. Knot, Miss Anna Heyman, Mr. Ernest Close, Miss Bertha Weickart.

Alto—Mrs. Walter Close, Mr. H. E. Metzner, Miss Bertha Bitner, Miss Ruth Gumpfer, Miss Alice Saffen.

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